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This statement accompanies a request for interference 1800 with U.S. Patent No. 5,670,133 filed concurrently herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

The effective filing date of U.S. Patent No. 5,670,133 is 2 July 1993. Applicants have an earlier effective filing date, namely 27 November 1991.

Thus, Applicants should be senior party in any such interference and there is basis upon which Applicants are entitled to a judgment relative to the patentee.

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